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TAGS: PEPR, UR, US
SUBJECT: PRAVDA ATTACK ON DR. BRZEZINSKI
1. PRAVDA OF JULY 24 CARRIES A LONG PHILIPPIC BY
S. VISHNEVSKY AGAINST NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR
BRZEZINSKI. THE ARTICLE SELECTIVELY QUOTES FROM
DR. BRZEZINSKI'S WRITING TO CREATE THE DISTORTED
IMAGE OF A DEMENTED ACADEMIC ISOLATED FROM THE
REALITIES OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD, WHO HAS SPUN
OUT DANGEROUS THEORIES OF CONFRONTATIONS AND OF THE
ACCEPTABILITY OF NUCLEAR WAR -- OVERALL A DR.
STRANGELOVE CREATURE, WITHOUT COMPASSION OR POLITICAL
SOPHISTICATION. WE ASSUME THAT FBIS HAS THE FULL
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TEXT OF THIS ARTICLE.

2. NEAR THE END OF HIS ARTICLE, VISHNEVSKY IMPLICITLY
POSES THE QUESTION -- WHO FORMULATES U.S. POLICY
TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION? HE STATES THAT THE CON-
TRAST BETWEEN BRZEZINSKI'S "NEGATIVE APPROACH" AND
THE "OFFICIAL DECLARATIONS OF THE WHITE HOUSE

CONCERNING THE DESIRABILITY OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE USSR" HAS STRUCK AMERICANS AS A "CONTRADICTION" AND "CALLS INTO QUESTION THE SINCERITY OF WASHINGTON'S PROMISES TO DEVELOP THE PROCESS OF DETENTE." VISHNEVSKY CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT THE "CONCEPTION OF CONFRONTATION" IS CONTRARY TO U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS AND THAT THE "THEORIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE NSC UNDOUBTEDLY ARE RENDERING NOT INSIGNIFICANT HARM TO THE CAUSE OF DETENTE."

3. COMMENT: VISHNEVSKY PERPETUATES THE THEME OF TWO FORCES IN THE U.S. -- THOSE FOR AND THOSE AGAINST DETENTE. HIS ARTICLE, HOWEVER, IS FAR MORE SPECIFIC THAN HAVE BEEN PAST COMMENTARIES IN LOCATING THE ENEMIES OF DETENTE IN THE WHITE HOUSE. BRZEZINSKI HAS NEVER HAD A GOOD PRESS IN THE USSR, BUT THIS HATCHET-JOB MARKS A SINGULAR SHARPENING OF THE RHETORIC. TOON

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